

# Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park

## Archaeo-Olympics

All skill levels welcome!

July 21st, 2012



Participation is free and open to the public!



8:00 AM **Opening Ceremonies**



8:30 AM **Useful/ Medicinal Plant Challenge**–

How many plants do you know? Native Americans have used their knowledge of plants for thousands of years to make a living. Meet up with Ranger Stephanie Hayes and Regional Interpreter John Froeschauer at the museum for a walk around the Old Stone Fort searching for some of these useful plants. Grab a score sheet and challenge yourself. The top three participants will be rewarded with valuable trade goods.



10:00 AM **Useful Rocks and Soils Challenge**– Native Americans possessed an intimate knowledge of their environment. Using this knowledge they turned rocks and soils into useful tools, paints, and containers. Join Regional Interpreter April Welch and Seasonal Interpretive Ranger Cindy Crawley at the museum and set off to find these useful rocks and soils. Grab a score sheet and challenge yourself. The top three participants will be rewarded with valuable trade goods.



11:30 AM **Wildlife Challenge**– Knowing the habits of animals in your environment means a great deal when the only meat you eat is what you can catch. Join Interpretive Specialist Jane Switzer, Park Manager Steve Smith, and Ranger Stephanie at the museum for a hike in search of these critters. Grab a score sheet and challenge yourself. The top three participants will be rewarded with valuable trade goods.



1:00 PM **Atlatl Challenge**– For thousands of years before the development of the bow and arrow, Native Americans used the atlatl spear thrower to hunt large game. Join Ranger Hobart Akin, Ranger Josh Kirby, and Park Manager Keith Wimberley at the atlatl range and challenge yourself with this ancient weapon. The top three challengers will be rewarded with valuable trade goods.



2:30 PM **Blowgun Challenge**–The Cherokee are famous for their skill with the blowgun. This deceptively simple cane gun and darts is useful for small game. Join Seasonal Interpretive ranger Rob Rambo and Ranger Hobart at the target range and try your hand with this awesome tool. The top three challengers will be rewarded with valuable trade goods.



4:00 PM **Rabbitstick Challenge**– The Rabbitstick is an often overlooked tool for hunting small game. Made from hardwoods, these sticks are hurled at small game with deadly effect. Join Ranger Hobart and Seasonal Interpretive Ranger Cindy Crawley at the target range and try your hand with these deceptively complex hunting tools. The top three challengers will be rewarded with valuable trade goods.

5:30 PM **Closing Ceremonies**

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